

## 12. Workshop on Central European States and their Relationships to Security and NATO

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Objective: To show various strategies of CE countries in their accession process to the NATO.

Workshop: To a big degree, all Central European countries permanently strived to become members of originally West European structures, notably EU and NATO. However, individual journeys to these aims differed, as the case of Slovakia and NATO makes it clear. In this session, journeys and strategies of Central European countries, while going through the process of accession to NATO, are to be followed, while attention shall also be paid to general security concerns.

Assigned reading:

Asmus, Ronald D. (2002): *Opening NATO's Door. How the Alliance Remade Itself for a New Era*. Columbia University Press, New York, pp. 212-305.

**Note: Not all the pages are necessary to read, you just can pick up information of the biggest interest.**

Additional reading:

Giusti, Serena (2002): *Visegrad – Balancing between United States and European Union?* In: Št'astný, Marek (ed.): *Visegrad Countries in an Enlarged Trans-Atlantic Community*. Bratislava: Institute for Public Affairs, s. 85-112.

Grayson, George W. (1999): *Strange Bedfellows. NATO Marches East*. Lanham, New York, Oxford: University Press of America.

Issues for discussion:

Reasons for Slovak failure to join NATO together with other CE countries.

Comparison of individual strategies to reach membership in the EU.